



NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Cardinal Newman School Property
Forest Drive and Gamewell Drive, Columbia, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through July 5, 2016.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 16-6406-NRP, will affect approximately 13 acres located at 4701 Forest Drive, and 1616, 1618, 1620 and 1700 Gamewell Drive, Columbia, South Carolina. The property is further identified by Richland County Tax Map Serial Numbers R14014-06-19, R14013-02-16, R14013-02-17, R14013-02-01, and R14014-06-20. A company known as 3860 Faber Place LLC (Faber Place), wants to acquire the property from the current owners. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and Faber Place.

Past uses of the property include a school and residences that used heating oil stored in underground storage tanks. Past storage of heating oil in underground storage tanks may have caused environmental pollution on the property.

Faber Place intends to develop the property with new buildings for a mix of commercial and multi-family residential uses. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow Faber Place to acquire the property as a “Brownfields Site” because of the potential for environmental pollution from past activity on the property. DHEC will not hold Faber Place responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed contract, Faber Place will test soil, groundwater and surface water on the property. If significant contamination is found, Faber Place will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. Faber Place did not create the pollution, but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use.

DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to encourage productive reuse of Brownfield sites. Under State law, Faber Place will not be responsible if anyone has been affected by the contamination. The responsibility of former owners or operators of the property is not reduced by this contract.

The proposed contract is available at <http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/>. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through July 5, 2016. Questions or comments may be directed to Angela Gorman, Project Manager, by e-mail at gormanak@dhec.sc.gov, telephone (803) 898-0929, or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Angela Gorman at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.